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1. On 9 November 1950, the 6th VP Bereitschaft was located in the Flak Kaserne on Kranberg, Gotha (: 51/J 06). The barracks installation also housed the central motor vehicle repair shop for Land Thuringia.
2. The 6th VP Bereitschaft was organized into a headquarters and three Kommandos. Its officers included VP Rat Preuss (fnu), commanding officer; VP Rat Jost (fnu), PK officer; VP Oberkommissar Strumpf (fnu), operations officer; VP Oberkommissar Thek (fnu), training officer; and VP Kommissar Schulz (fnu), administrative officer.
3. The unit was equipped with 12 machine guns and two 80-mm mortars. It was engaged in infantry training on Kranberg at Gotha and in engineer training, including bridge construction and demolition work, at Ohrdruf. The personnel of the unit were tested between 20 and 28 October. About two-thirds of the examination questions were of a political nature and one-third of a military nature. About 6 percent of the examinees were discharged for ineptitude. \*

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\*   Comment. The 6th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in the Flak Kaserne, Gotha, was last confirmed in June 1950.   The reference report mentioned VP Oberrat Oppel (fnu), as the commanding officer, while the names of the other officers are the same as in the present report. According to an information digest published by the Federal Government of West Germany in Bonn, the VP motor transport school was to move to the former Rheinmetall Plant, Apolda, about November 1950.

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